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SUBJ: POTTUVIL ELECTION RESULTS

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1. IN THE BY-ELECTION HELD IN THE TWO-MEMBER POTTUVIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 12, THE UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP) WON THE FIRST SEAT, THE TAMIL UNITED LIBERATION FRONT (TULF) THE SECOND. IN 1970 THE UNP WON THE TEN SINGLE MEMBER POTTUVIL SEAT.

2. DR. M.A.M. JALALDEEN (UNP) POLLED 30,315 VOTES OVER M. CONAGARATNAM'S (TULF) 23,990 VOTES TO TAKE THE FIRST SEAT BY A MAJORITY OF 6,325 VOTES. CONAGARATNAM'S MAJORITY OVER THE SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY CANDIDATE M.M. MUSTAPHA WAS 1,612. CANDIDATES RUNNING AS INDEPENDENTS WERE FAR BACK, THE CLOSEST BEING N. DHARMALINGAM WITH 7,644 VOTES. BECAUSE HE HAD JOINED THE UNP AND BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE BACKLASH AGAINST THE TULF INCIDENT TO THE RECENT VIOLENCE, DHARMALINGAM HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO BE IN A CLOSE FIGHT FOR THE SECOND SEAT.

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2. WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS NOW COMPLETE, THE COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY IS UNP-140; TULF-18; SLFP-9; AND CEYLON WORKERS CONGRESS (CWC)-1. TOTAL - 168 SEATS.
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